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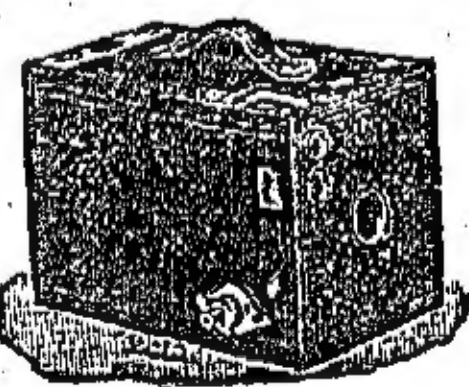
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BIRTH. On 16th December, at Shanghai, the wife of J. FORDYCE MERRIS, of a son.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, DECEMBER 21st, 1904.

ALTHOUGH we do not by any means endorse the statements made by some of the alarmists in North China as to the feeling in the Northern provinces against foreigners, it cannot be doubted for a moment that there is less disposition on the part of the Chinese and their officials to welcome foreign enterprise into the country. The Boxer agitation and the anti-foreign views expressed by many natives in the interior are the fruit of incendiary literature and false reports spread in the tea-shops, but these are not, we believe, in any way countenanced by the Imperial Government or even by the provincial officials. The attention of the Waiwupu having been called to the anti-foreign tracts recently published in the three Northern provinces, a memorial was addressed to the Throne on the subject, and a Rescript soon followed, of which the following translation is given by our Shanghai morning contemporary:—"At Tamin and Shunté in Chihli, Changté in Houan, and Tungao-hsien in Shantung there are societies of bandits reported to be established which gather together men in great numbers and spread false rumours. These societies have for their object the harassing of Christians, and they seek to raise trouble by exciting suspicion. If this is really the case these societies ought to be rooted out completely at once, and the members arrested and dealt with immediately. That the affair may be nipped in the bud, YUAN SHIH-KAI, CHOU FU, and CHEN KWEE-SUNG must therefore give orders at once to the civil and military

officials of the various places, directing them to allow no concealment, but to apprehend the offenders by direct and secret methods, and deal with them respectively according to their deserts. Moreover, the lives and property of the missionaries in the various places must be jealously protected; there must be no disturbance whatever, as will be the result if there is any remissness on the part of the officials. We consider this a most important matter." From this it will be gathered that the Peking Government is quite prepared to take the steps necessary to repress any attempt that may be made by agitators and to prevent any fanatic feeling becoming dangerous, for they certainly do not want another occupation of the capital and district by foreign troops, and they recognise that the Powers cannot permit their subjects to be wantonly massacred.

But while they are anxious not to afford a fresh pretext for foreign interference, they are also more alive to the inadvisability, from their point of view, of allowing foreigners to obtain a footing in the country after the manner of the Muscovites in building a railway across Chinese territory and then usurping administrative functions on the plea of affording the line protection. The Chinese people have also seen the Russian hosts beaten back with great loss by the Japanese armies, and they not unnaturally begin to suspect that the talons of the Bear are not so powerful as they had been led by appearances to suppose. They are therefore waxing bolder in their demeanour to foreigners, and are freely urging their authorities not to grant any further concessions to strangers for railways. The action of the people of the Two Kwang in asking that the concession to the American Syndicate to build the Hankow-Canton Railway should be cancelled because they had agreed to sell their rights under their agreement to the Belgian Syndicate and the success attending it was one proof of this change of policy. Another has recently been given. An application made by the representative of a French syndicate for permission to construct a railway between Hsian, the capital of Shensi, and Tuiyuan-fu, the capital of Shansi, a distance of nearly seven hundred miles, has now, we hear, been refused. The petition was referred by the Waiwupu to the Governors of the two provinces named to report upon, and they replied that, considering the importance of the route through which the proposed line will pass, it would not be politic to allow foreigners to control or work such a railway. Moreover, there are plenty of gently and merchants in the two provinces quite ready to raise the funds required for the construction of the line without resorting to foreign capitalists at all. The fear of foreign interference is strong in China, and it is not too much to say that it has originated out of the aggressive action of the Russians in Manchuria. As a consequence, we fear, the development of the material resources of China and the extension of her means of internal communication will be delayed no doubt to a considerable extent by this mistrust, inasmuch as while it is true that there is a great deal of unemployed or hoarded capital in China, it will always be shy of investment in enterprises which may and would be at the mercy of the mandarins. Meanwhile, too, there is reason to expect that those enterprising foreigners who have, after much trouble, obtained railway and other concessions in China will find that, from one cause or another, it will be difficult to make substantial progress with such undertakings. At the same time, it is more than likely that any neglect to comply with the conditions of such concessions, or failure to construct a projected railway, will be eagerly seized as pretext for cancelling a concession. Will the British and Chinese Corporation please take note?

In Tientsin, the newspapers are now allowed to publish the Renter messages on the day they arrive.

Messrs. Gregor & Co., wine and spirit merchants, have issued an attractive price list, and with it a booklet of recipes for making various American cocktails, and similar drinks. One called "Hongkong Punch" ought to be in favour in about a week's time.

The Financial Times says:—According to a cable from Shanghai, the Chinese Government is considering a scheme for the institution of State lotteries, the profits of which would be devoted to paying off the indemnities owing to the Powers. The prizes are estimated at a total of £8,000,000, payable in gold. No doubt these lotteries would be immensely popular in a country where "fan tan" and other gambling games are among the necessities of life. The only drawback is that the winner of the first prize, if a Chinaman, might so easily lose his head.

A Muzio Gambit Match will be played at the Chess Club this evening.

The "Centipodes," a bachelor club, gave a ball at the City Hall last evening.

Members of the Hongkong Police will hold a dance at No. 7 Station, West Point, on the 26th inst.

The two relieved companies of Royal Garrison Artillery and some time-expired men leave by the transport *Dilwara* to-day.

"Ali Baba or the Forty Thieves," a Christmas pantomime, will be played at the Catholic Union, Gleaneau, on the 22nd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 29th, 30th, and 31st prox., in aid of funds to provide Xmas treats to 700 poor children and 200 poor old people.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Netherlands Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—  
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The Yungpingta correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* writes: At a town near to Pakou we fell in with a young Chinese giant, and felt almost sorry we were not relatives of Barnum that we might exploit him. Seated in an inn one day writing, with a scowled brow round me in the usual style, my friend drew my attention to a man who had just joined the throng. He was stretching his head over the others, and I could not believe that he was not mounted on a box or something of that sort. But his feet were on the ground and his head was a long way from the ground. We measured him, and found him to be six feet nine and a half inches, and as he was strongly and sturdily built he was a very fine specimen of humanity. I laughingly suggested to him that he should offer himself to Viceroy Yuan Shih-kai, as a candidate for post of personal bodyguard, and his reply in substance was: "Wouldn't I just like the chance?"

THE PROGRESSIVE MUSICAL CLUB.

The Progressive Musical Club, under the patronage of H.E. the Governor, will give a concert at the Royal Engineers' Theatre, Wellington Barracks, this evening, from nine till eleven o'clock. The proceeds from the concert are to be given to the Diocesan Girls' School and Military Charities. The names appearing on the programme, in the order given, are as follows:—Mrs. Fullerton, Miss Brown and Mrs. Powell (trio); Señor Madlle. (piano); Mrs. Dioken; Mr. Grace, Mrs. Powell (piano); Mr. Austin; Miss Brown (violin); Mr. Edwards, Miss E. Brown (piano); Mrs. Badley; Miss G. Bunney (violin); Mrs. Webb and Mr. Austin (duet); Mr. Grace, Miss Brown (violin); Mrs. Fullerton; and Mrs. Powell (piano).

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Mr. C. M. G. Burnie	91 - 9 = 82
Mr. Sweeting	97 - 15 = 82
Mr. A. J. Williams	97 - 13 = 84
Mr. W. W. G. Ross	98 - 13 = 85
Mr. E. J. Grist	98 - 2 = 86
Mr. C. W. May	90 - 3 = 87
Hon. W. J. Gresson	100 - 12 = 88
Hon. G. Stewart	96 - 5 = 91

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TELEGRAMS.

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BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO ACQUIRE SINGAPORE DOCKS.

SINGAPORE, 20th December.

The Tanjong Pagar Dock Co., Ltd., has been notified by the Secretary of State that the Government intends to expropriate its property on terms to be mutually arranged.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

A CRY FROM MACEDONIA.

LONDON, 18th December.

The condition of Macedonia gets consistently worse.

NEW ARTILLERY FOR THE BRITISH ARMY.

LONDON, 18th December.

It is stated that the British War Office has signed contracts for the most modern Horse and Field artillery to the value of £2,250,000; of which 130 batteries are to be delivered in nine months.

THE WAR.

["DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.]

THE BALTIC FLEET.

LONDON, 20th December.

The Baltic Fleet has passed Cape Town.

MEDIATION?

LONDON, 20th December.

The New York *American* insists that it is true that England and Germany have proffered mediation between Russia and Japan. Russia is declared to be agreeable if Japan be willing to forego all claim to an indemnity.

TWO ALLEGED BLOCKADE RUNNERS CAPTURED.

SHANGHAI, 20th December.

The Japanese have captured two vessels, alleged to be blockade runners. They are the *King Arthur* and the *Nigretia*.

On page 5 of our yesterday's issue we published a full report of a case in which the crew of the *Nigretia* were reluctant to go to Vladivostok, and were threatened with imprisonment by a British magistrate in case they continued to disobey. On page 3 of this number there appears a comment on the same case, in which our contemporary makes comparison with a recent Hongkong case, and expresses sympathy with the crew. It now seems that the fears of the sailors were well grounded.

RUSSIANS AT SHANGHAI.

SHANGHAI, 20th December.

The *Intouch* here has demanded from the Russian Consul the surrender of two of the *Aschold*'s crew, who are alleged to have murdered a Chinaman.

[There has been a good deal of trouble with the interned Russian sailors on shore leave. Lately they have been allowed in the Settlement only in small batches, in charge of an officer. The two men referred to were being pestered by ricksha coolies. One of them, seizing an axe, lying on some timber, swung it behind him. It hit an innocent Chinese passing by, and fractured his skull. The Russian Consul held an enquiry, but not being allowed to try military or naval men, sent the two sailors on board the *Aschold* for trial by Court Martial. There seems to be much feeling in the matter at Shanghai. It is to be hoped, notwithstanding, that the men will not be handed over as requested. Foreigners must never be tried by Chinese, even though they be Russians.]

[BY COURTESY OF THE JAPANESE CONSUL.]

PORT ARTHUR.

TOKYO, 19th December.

Admiral Togo reports that while attacking the Russian ships in the outer roadstead on the night of the 14th, one Japanese torpedo-boat was disabled and abandoned, while the survivors were saved. Another torpedo-boat was temporarily disabled, but conveyed back. No serious damage was done to the rest of craft. The total casualties were ten killed and fourteen wounded. The *Sevastopol*'s anchorage being close to the shore, it is difficult to ascertain her damage, but several torpedoes were distinctly observed to hit and explode. On the night of the 15th the torpedo-boat flotillas renewed their attacks on the *Sevastopol*, *Otiamy* and some destroyers. They managed to approach close to the enemy's ships and successively discharged torpedoes, several of which were distinctly observed to hit and explode. In spite of the enemy's hot fire our craft all returned safely, total casualties being three killed and three wounded. Our observation station in the morning reports that one Russian destroyer was aground with masts broken.

LATER.

Admiral Togo on the 18th reporting on the actual state of the Russian ships which sunk in the inner harbour, says it is substantially the same as previously announced.

He concludes that they are no longer fit for action. Regarding the *Sevastopol*, although there is reason to believe that she was incapacitated for navigation, yet positive evidence is still unobtainable. Six Russian destroyers are still remaining.

LATER.

The Port Arthur army reports that a detachment at 2.15 p.m. on the 18th caused a great explosion at the breastwork of the north fort of Tumkikwan-shan, thereupon made an assault, followed by fierce fighting with grenades. The enemy offered the stoutest resistance. At 7 p.m. General Samojima proceeded to the caponiere of the counterescarp, then made a great assault, and captured the above fort at 11.50 p.m. We immediately constructed defensive works and rendered our possession firm by the morning of the 19th. We captured five field-guns, two machine-guns and a great quantity of ammunition, and we also found about forty Russian corpses within that fort. Our casualties are not yet ascertained, but are not believed to be heavy.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

ANOTHER RUSSIAN BALTIC FLEET.

LONDON, 18th December.

The Russian Admiralty, apparently in deference to popular agitation, has commenced preparations to fit out a third Baltic squadron, consisting of four battleships and one cruiser; all vessels of comparatively small tonnage and nearly obsolete.

(From Northern Papers.)

TO MEET THE COMING ARMADA.

TOKYO, 14th November.

The steamers *Togei Maru* and *Kabafuto Maru* have been commissioned as hospital ships. The *Togei Maru*, 2,808 tons, was formerly the P. & O. *S. Tcheran*; she now belongs to the Chiyetsu Kisen Kaisha.

THE SOLE SURVIVING IRONCLAD.

TOKYO, 14th December.

The *Sevastopol* continues to moor off Mantowshan, but appears to seek shelter at night within the anchorage with the destroyers. Of these only eight are to be seen.

LATER.

The effect of the indirect bombardment of the *Sevastopol* is unknown, owing to the thick weather. Five torpedo attacks were made on her on Monday morning, but the result has not been yet ascertained. Three Japanese blue-jackets were wounded.

WEIHAIWEI, 15th December.

Heavy firing was heard here last night. It is surmised that the *Sevastopol*, when attempting to escape, was captured or sunk.

A MESSENGER FROM PORT ARTHUR.

CHEFOO, 16th December.

A messenger from General Stessel, accompanied by six refugees, arrived this afternoon from Port Arthur in a ship's boat rigged with a sail. They encountered a bitter wind and cold.

The messenger delivered voluminous despatches to the Russian Consul here, which, the Consul states, contain details of the operations since the departure of the destroyer *Rabiotropy*.

In an interview the Consul stated that the reports contain evidence of exaggeration in the Japanese official reports. The Russians are still holding all northern forts. The tone of the despatches shows that General Stessel does not anticipate failure.

The Consul declined for the present to answer any question in reference to the disabling of the Russian ships in Port Arthur.

THE SITUATION IN MANCHURIA.

TOKYO, 16th December.

Some military sections at Tokyo believe that General Kuropatkin has not yet abandoned his plan for the relief of Port Arthur, because the main girdle of forts is still in Russian hands, and that the recent lull on the Shabo is due to the Russians awaiting the possession of a superiority in numbers.

The Russian casualties two months ago were about 70,000, and these it is now believed have been replaced. When the rivers are frozen and the roads are hard, the communications will naturally be expedited.

The supposition that winter implies a suspension of hostilities is scarcely justified. The upshot of the matter seems to be that the Russians will be the next to assume the offensive. Everything suggests that it is wisdom for the Japanese to play a waiting game.

THE EXTENSION OF THE RUSSIAN FRONT.

TOKYO, 16th December.

The limit of the Russian right wing hitherto has been Tingchiapao on the left bank of the Hunho, reconnoitring parties being occasionally detailed; but the line is now extended in the Mamochieh direction on the right bank of the Hunho, the Russians availing themselves of the freezing of the swamps and rivers to distribute their new arrivals.

HEAVY LOSS TO HARMSTON'S CIRCUS.

The *Manila Cablenews* reports that four lionesses belonging to Harmston's Circus have died. The animals were transferred from the *S. S. Tean* to a lighter in their cages, and were then, apparently, in perfect condition. A few minutes after having started for the custom house wharf, a circus employee noticed that one of the four lionesses seemed to be in distress and called Mr. Lindo, the trainer. Almost immediately afterwards the remaining three were seized with the same symptoms and lay writhing and struggling on the floor of the cage. Ten minutes later the whole four lay dead. Immediately a rush was made for the cage containing the tiger, and he was found to be in a very similar condition. Mr. Lindo, intuitively divining that the cause must be want of air, opened the cage, and the tiger speedily recovered, showing that the cause had been rightly guessed. The dead animals are worth \$125 gold apiece, which is small, however, compared with an original individual cost of \$1,100.

DES VŒUX ROAD FIRE INQUIRY.

At the Magistrate's yesterday afternoon Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz opened an inquiry into the cause of the fire which occurred in a godown at No. 325, Des Vœux Road, West, on the 9th instant. Mr. Hursthouse (of Messrs. Dennys and Bowley's office) appeared on behalf of four Insurance Companies, also on behalf of the Police. Mr. Hastings represented Mr. Ho Li Cho, who is the owner of certain goods in the godown. Mr. Hursthouse said, that as usual in these inquiries, some of the witnesses had turned out to be hostile, and had to be subpoenaed for examination. The godown in question is a small one extending about 25 or 30 feet back from the road, and is 10 or 12 feet in width. It consists of only the ground floor of the premises. The first floor is inhabited by various persons, and their entrance to their flat did not necessitate their going through the godown. When the fire occurred a number of people were sleeping on the first floor. The story goes that some of them were awakened by a noise which sounded as if somebody were knocking against the floor on which they were sleeping. One of the party got up and opened a trap door showing into the godown. Looking through this he saw smoke and flames below. He alarmed the others, and the whole of the people on the floor easily made their escape. The fire was confined to the back part of the shop, where a portion of a window and a few cases of goods were burnt. There were no signs of the flames having burnt the ceiling. In the godown were planks running longitudinally along the floor about two feet apart. The cases of goods were ranged on these planks, so that there was a space of about four inches between the cases and the floor. Various goods were contained in the cases, which were mostly packed with a loose and inflammable kind of shavings. Under one of these cases the Police found a small kerosene lamp in a very peculiar position. It was about a yard under the case; the burner and the reflector were off, and the wick was partially hanging out. Another peculiar circumstance in connection with it was, that although the case under which the lamp was found was slightly burnt, there was no trace of fire near the place where the lamp was picked up. A bottle smelling strongly of kerosene was found under the staircase to the first floor. A large pole was also found reaching up to the rafters of the ceiling. With regard to the noise heard by inhabitants of the first floor, I submit that that noise may have been made by the pole in question. The goods in the godown belong to a man named Ho Li Cho, and so far as can be ascertained, the insurances are effected in the name of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company. The total amount of insurances is \$35,000, and that appears, judging from the list of goods taken from the books the Police have seen, to be just about double the value of the stocks supposed to be in the godown at the time of the fire. There are very serious discrepancies according to the list of goods supposed to be in the godown. A Mr. Murray and Mr. Ho Li Cho are concerned to a certain extent in these goods.

The first witness was William Davis, Manager of the Commercial Union Insurance Company, who said that part of the goods were insured in his Company to the extent of \$5,000, in the name of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company. He had no hesitation in accepting any insurance from this Company, but would have made inquiries before accepting from a private individual. The application came through the Un On Insurance Company. Edward Henry Murray said: I am a coal and general commission agent. I came out from America with the Chinese Engineering Company about two years ago, and remained with them until they closed up. When Mr. Hawley, managing director of the Company, left here, an arrangement was made whereby Mr. Ho Li Cho was to take over the goods of the Company, valued roughly at \$6,500 Mex. He got control of the goods on August 5th. The balance due then was \$43,000, which was payable in three separate instalments of equal amounts in three, six, and nine months. The first payment has been duly met. Subject to the bills being met on maturity, the stock is the property of Ho Li Cho. Since the fifth of August, when I effected a sale of any of the goods, I gave a delivery order on the godown company. As far as I know, Ho Li Cho is the lessee of the godown at Des Vœux Road. I have the original contracts and copies of bills handed over by the Company to Ho Li Cho. On making up a list of goods in the godown about two months after the settlement, I found it did not tally with the amount of money the Company claimed from Ho Li Cho. I have no books belonging to the Chinese-American Company by which I can work the matter out. According to the papers in my possession there should be considerably more stock than there is. I have never checked the stock in the Des Vœux Road godown. I could not say whether a case of singlets was missing from the godown. There was some jewellery in my office at the time of the fire, consisting of chains, watches, rings, etc. I do not know whether it was brought from the Des Vœux Road godown. I could not say whether any of the stock was in an unsaleable condition.

Hearing continues.

In connection with the report of the sinking of the Japanese battleship *Yashima*, it is now stated that she struck a mine and sank on the 15th of June shortly after the *Hatase* was lost in the same manner. The ironclad that the Russians mistook for the *Yashima* when they fled from Admiral Togo on the occasion of their abortive sortie on the 10th of August was the old *Chingun*, formerly the *Chenyung*, built at Stettin in 1882, and taken from the Chinese at Weihaiwei in 1895.



## CANTON.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

18th December.

## KWANGSI REBELS.

It is reported that the armies under the command of Generals Wong Wan Ko, Ho Yao Shan, and U Shing Kak have had a big fight with the rebels in Kwangsi and gained a victory. The rebels, and their chief Wong Sou Wo, were surrounded by the mandarin soldiers in San Tun for two days and two nights. The rebel chief Wong at last succeeded in effecting his escape, but another rebel chief, Luk A Fat, has been captured. The rebels were armed with quick-firing rifles supplied to them from Singapore. Upon these facts being reported to the Throne by the Viceroy Shun the Empress Dowager expressed satisfaction, and sent some presents consisting of valuable jewellery to their Excellencies, the Viceroy Shun, and Li, the Governor of Kwangsi. Meantime she ordered that the rebels who had surrendered themselves should be leniently treated and not punished with cruelty.

## H.E. SHUM.

His Excellency Shum Chou Hun arrived at Wuchow on the 13th inst. to deal with some important official business. Nearly all the time he was detained in Kwai Chow. He is now living in the yamen of the Salt Commissioner in Wuchow.

## THE INDEMNITY.

Lately the Viceroy Shun has sent a memorial to the Throne referring to Canton's contribution to the war indemnity. The yearly amount was four hundred and eighty thousand taels taken from the Wai Shing, a lottery monopoly; it was to be paid quarterly. It has been regularly paid since the 22nd year of Kwangsu, but of late, on account of the abolition of the military examination, and of alteration in civil literary examination, there has been some difficulty in raising the amount. This year the indemnity for the last two quarters, amounting to ninety six thousand taels, has not been paid. His Excellency requests that the Board of Revenue be ordered to pay this amount so as not to cause any disappointment.

## EVADING LINEN DUES.

For the last few years it has been customary for Chinese steam launch owners to pay foreigners a small sum for acting as figure heads, to fly foreign flags on their launches, to avoid the official seizures, and to gain facility in passing the likin barrier. Of late it has come to the knowledge of the foreign Consuls, and they communicated this fact to the Chinese officials. The latter communicated with the I.M. Commissioner, and the Commissioner has issued an order to prohibit all steam launches and boats not owned by foreigners from flying foreign flags under severe penalty, as it is against the law of China.

## BANDITRY.

As a sequel to the story of robbery by local banditti in Sai Tung in the prefecture of Kowloon—as reported in my letter of the 12th November last—I have gathered further news. After the robbery all shops in that market town were closed, and it was almost deserted for about a month. When the Magistrate of Tin Pak went with soldiers, and advised the shopkeepers there to re-open their shops and resume business transactions, they did so, but in fear and trembling. Every day they heard of rumours of robberies in the neighbouring villages. Some of the traders had removed their families to Canton, Hongkong, or Macao. One day being the day of a fair, someone cried out "Robbery." The traders and buyers in the fair ran, throwing down their money and wares in the street, some falling down, trampling upon each other, and breaking their heads. The traders closed their shops again, and the vagabonds, who raised the false alarm seized this opportunity to pick up a large quantity of goods and money. As last time, one third of the robbers came from other districts and the rest were vagabonds of the place, who availed themselves of the opportunity to rob.

## SQUEEZING PRISONERS.

Last year, when the ex-magistrate Pui King Fuk was in Nam Hoi, he permitted his runners, police, and underlings to squeeze and ill-treat the prisoners in the house of detention. After his time, another magistrate took up the appointment and introduced some reforms to better the conditions of the prisoners; but of late this evil practice has begun to grow again. In case the relatives and friends of the prisoner bribe the keepers of the goal, the prisoner is not ill-treated, but has every convenience. If no bribe be paid he is put to cage, and kept on the point of starvation. The bribe to be paid varies from twenty dollars to three hundred dollars according to the circumstances of the prisoner. A slight or pretended illness is reported as a serious illness, so as to avoid trial. If no bribe be paid, the prisoner, however sick, may lie almost half dead and the keeper takes no notice of him.

## LICENSING COURT.

The application of Frederick Edward Oram for a publican's licence to sell and retail intoxicating liquors on the premises situated at Nos. 40 and 41, Praya East, under the sign of "The Praya East Hotel" was considered at the Magistracy yesterday before the following justices of the peace—Messrs. H. H. J. Gompertz, F. A. Hazeland and C. D. Melbourne. As there was no police objection the licence was granted.

BEWARE of the party offering Imitations of Macniven & Cameron's Pen "The Pickwick, the Owl, and the Waverley Pens, Sold at all Stationers. MACNIVEN & CAMERON, Ltd., Waverley Works, Edinburgh. [402-3]

## RUGBY FOOTBALL.

H.K.F.C. v. H.M.S. "GLORY" AND "ALBION." This match was played on the Club Ground, at Happy Valley, yesterday afternoon. It resulted in an easy win for the Club, who were much heavier and faster than their opponents. The teams were as follows:—

H.K.F.C.—J. F. Bouchier, full-back; Lieut. Hounay, Pearce, A. O. Lang and G. B. Bateman, three-quarters; J. Clark and H. Soper, halves; E. R. Hallif, x. Lieut. Hibbert, Lieut. Graham, Lieut. Black, Lieut. Rankin, Lieut. Duncan and H. F. Chard, forwards.

The Naval Team—Warren, full-back; Seymour, Blackwood, Fossetta and Black, three-quarters; Child and Millieux, halves; Harrison, Bartlett, Maxwell, Henderson, Smith, Kenworthy and Brune, forwards.

Clark, the captain of the Club team, kicked off, and loose play followed for some time. From a good pass by Soper, Bateman scored a pretty try, and Hallif added the major points. Hammy shortly afterwards scored a try, the kick for goal, however, being run down. A series of scrimmages near the naval end terminated in the Club forwards leading out the ball. Pearce secured it and ran in for another try; this he converted himself. Clark scored two tries in succession, and Pearce made no mistake about doing the needful on each occasion. Lang registered the next addition, Pearce again shooting between the posts. Bateman scored a try and Pearce converted. When the whistle announced half-time the score stood as follows:—

Half-time—Club, 6 goals, 1 try (33 points); Navy, 0.

The Navy men made a much better stand in the second half, but their game at best was on the defensive. Hammy scored a try, which was not converted. Lang added still another, Pearce converting. The Navy men then made a very good combined run, but failed to carry the ball quite to their desired destination. At this stage of the game Clark received a nasty knock and play was suspended while he pulled himself together. On signifying his intention to resume play on-lookers applauded, but his comrades persuaded him to retire. Bateman, shortly before the close of the game, scored a try, and Pearce again converted.

Result—Club, 8 goals 2 tries (46 points); Navy, 0.

## THE "NIGRETIA" CASE.

The decision given by Mr. Douglas in H. B. M.'s Police Court on the 14th inst. is of wide interest to the shipping community at the present time. The point at issue was extremely simple. On arriving in Shanghai last week Captain Harrison of the str. *Nigretia* informed his ship's company that the destination of the vessel with its cargo of cases of kerosene was to be Vladivostok. Thereupon the entire white crew, including the deck and engine-room officers, declared that they would proceed no further. They had signed on the articles on the 16th December, 1903, nearly two months before the outbreak of the war, and they had not contemplated the risk of entering the port of a belligerent power. They conceded that there was no actual blockade of Vladivostok yet proclaimed, but protested that the entrance to the harbour was so dangerous from floating and uncharted mines that they were justified in refusing to risk their lives in attempting to enter it. Other objections were raised but only incidentally, and it was not seriously contended that the *Nigretia* was carrying cargo other than that which appeared in her papers, or that this constituted contraband.

It was in this latter particular that the Shanghai case differed materially from that decided by Capt. L. Barnes-Lawrence (Marine Magistrate at Hongkong) just a month ago. Captain Lawrence excused the crew of the steamer *Safordia* from obeying the order of her master to proceed to Vladivostok, but one of the reasons he gave for his decision was that "the crew were not informed when they signed the articles that the vessel was carrying contraband." He mentioned also that "should Vladivostok be again bombarded, and this vessel be within its harbour at the time, danger to life may reasonably be apprehended," but although a similar contention was put forward on behalf of the defendants at Shanghai it failed to carry weight with Mr. Douglas.

Sympathy will undoubtedly go out to the men who have been ordered to take exceptional risks for which they did not bargain. They are brave men probably, as sailors indeed must be, but they have wives and families to think of too. From their attitude in Court we gathered that several will prefer imprisonment to proceeding on so dangerous a voyage. Though the decision may be strictly defended in law, it is distinctly against the policy of the case, for it has been amply proved by experience that the perils from mines in the neighbourhood of Vladivostok have not been exaggerated.—N.C. Daily News.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

## LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The M.M. steamer *Australien*, with the next French mail, left Singapore yesterday at noon for this port via Saigon.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Pelous* left Singapore on the 18th inst. at daylight, and is expected here on the 24th inst.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Ningchow* left Shanghai on the 18th inst. at daylight, and is expected here to-day.

The P. & A. steamer *Nimantia* left Portland (Or.) on the 18th inst. via Japan ports, and may be expected here on the 23rd Jan.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

The German naval storeship *Zitania* arrived from Tientsin yesterday with coal and stores. She is bound to Macassar, but will undergo a docking before proceeding on her voyage.

The Austrian cruiser *Kaiserin Elisabeth* arrived from Amoy yesterday.

H.M.S. *Rambler* came out of No. 1 dock at Kowloon yesterday morning, and her place was taken by the *Thetis*.

The four-masted barque *Acme*, Capt. McLellan, arrived from Kobe yesterday after making a remarkably quick passage. She only left Kobe on the 9th inst. Her agents are the Standard Oil Co.

## SUPREME COURT.

Tuesday, 20th December.

## IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR HENRY S. BAKERLEY (CHIEF JUSTICE.)

## THE CAPITAL CHARGE.

Before proceeding with another case the Chief Justice asked Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., who, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, was acting on behalf of the Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., the Attorney-General, if he had anything to communicate with respect to the capital charge against Charles Smith, Erik Hogman, and William Nason.

Mr. Pollock sent a message to the Attorney-General, saying that he personally had not received any instructions regarding this case. He understood, however, that Mr. O. D. Thomson had been retained in the matter, and time was wanted to prepare the defence.

On receiving word from the Attorney-General Mr. Pollock intimated that he understood the Crown proposed to proceed with this case to-day (Wednesday), subject to any application made to His Lordship on behalf of the defence.

The Chief Justice said that when the Court rose he would adjourn the Criminal Sessions till Thursday, so as to allow time to prepare the defence.

## ARMED ROBBERY.

Three Chinamen, Lai Tam, Yeung Lam Tsai, and Yeung San, were charged with (1) assault with intent to rob, and (2) wounding Chan Tak, Leung Sai and Lo Tai with intent to do grievous bodily harm.

The prisoners pleaded not guilty. The following jury was empanelled:—Messrs. H. W. Fraser, G. Rapp, G. M. Smith, W. Schmidt, F. Heermann, R. H. King and F. A. Wendt.

The case against the prisoners, briefly, was that on the night of the 27th November these men, along with others, while armed with knives, made an attack on three lighters moored alongside the Naval Yard Extension works at Mataukok. Chan Tak, a lighterman, was sleeping in the cabin of his boat when he was disturbed by the door being opened. He then saw a man, holding a knife in his hand, standing at the entrance. He asked "Who are you?" whereupon the robber—afterwards identified as the first prisoner—entered the room and stood over him, ordering silence at the same time. Chan Tak attempted to jump up, and the robber, slashing at random, cut his leg. The lighterman managed to grasp the knife and shouted loudly "Save life!" People then came over from another lighter and there was a scuffle. A man named Lo Tai seized the man's queue as he jumped overboard. The others of the gang also took flight. The first prisoner was taken from the water, minus his queue tassel, which had been retained by Lo Tai, by an Indian constable.

After Mr. Pollock had narrated these facts the first defendant admitted going on board with intent to steal.

His Lordship—And the grievous bodily harm?

The man denied this and the case was continued.

There was no direct evidence against the second and third prisoners, who had been arrested subsequent to the occurrence, but they had incriminated themselves in statements made in the charge room and at the Magistracy. In these statements they admitted being of the robber gang, but said they had been afraid to go on board the lighter in question.

After hearing the evidence the jury returned a verdict of guilty.

There was another charge of robbery, but the men having been already convicted on one serious charge this case was not proceeded with.

The Chief Justice in giving judgment said:—While you two (second and third prisoners) watched, your companion entered, in the dead of night, the lighter in which this workman and his family were sleeping. He made a murderous assault on the man and injured his wife when she came to help him. You (first prisoner) stabbed the man Lo Tai on the head, and it was lucky that some serious injury did not result. You then made a bold bid to escape, and nearly got "scot free." It was only on account of the bravery of the Indian in charge of the yard, who got you by jumping into the water, that you were arrested. You are a dangerous man and must be kept away from the community for some time—five years and twenty-four strokes of the birch within the first six months. And the same sentence to each of you, because you are equally guilty.

## IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (PUNISHMENT JUDGE.)

THE KAM TAI V. LO SHAU AND LO LEUNG. In this case plaintiffs claimed \$500 damages for trespass in that the defendant did enter upon their premises at No. 66, Kowloon Kai, Central Kowloon City, and seized thereon the plaintiffs' furniture, fixtures and goods, and closed their shop. Mr. E. J. Grist (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. H. K. Holmes represented the defendants. His Honour delivered judgment for the defendant with costs.

## WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—

On the 20th at 11.58 a.m. The barometer has fallen generally, but more particularly in the interior of China, and has risen in Japan. Gradients are moderate upon the China Coast and light variable winds will prevail in the Formosa Channel.

In the China Sea fresh N.E. monsoon will be still met with.

Forecast:—Moderate to fresh N.E. winds, fine

## POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 20th December.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ (FIRST POLICE MAGISTRATE.)

## DISORDERLY CONDUCT.

Two Europeans, Gibson and Durham, who conducted themselves in a disorderly manner at the Land We Live In Hotel on the 19th inst., were fined \$10 and \$5 respectively.

BEFORE MR. F. A. HAZELAND (SECOND POLICE MAGISTRATE.)

## FALSE WEIGHT.

Two Chinese storekeepers in the Central District were charged with having false scales in their possession. A fine of \$200 was inflicted in the first instance, and the second defendant was mulcted in the sum of \$50.

## LARCENY.

A shroff engaged by the Mutual Stores, who has long been suspected of pilfering the firm's money, was caught in the act yesterday by Sergeant Sullivan. The shroff sent in two men, one of whom paid in a \$10 note, and the other \$5. Each of the notes were marked. The shroff placed them to his own credit. He was leaving the store in the afternoon, when the money was found on his person. He was charged with the offence, found guilty, and has now entered on a term of two months' hard labour.

## ACCEPTING A BRIBE.

Ho Yu Ting, Sergeant Interpreter at Kowloon City, was charged with receiving a bribe. The case was remanded, bail being allowed in the sum of \$500.

## RIVAL GUILDS.

A short time ago we reported a fracas which occurred between the Kung Wo Tong and the Cheong Yung Tong wherein several members received knife wounds. A disturbance of a similar nature was only averted at a restaurant at West Point, on Monday night by the arrest of a member of one of these guilds. He was charged with unlawfully having in his possession offensive weapons, to wit, a knife and an iron bar, with intent to use the same for an unlawful purpose, and being unable to give a satisfactory account for possession of the same. Mr. Bailey (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master's office), watched the case on behalf of the restaurant keeper. His Worship inflicted a fine of \$250, and ordered the defendant to be publicly exposed in the stocks for six hours. He also remarked that if the Masters of these guilds did not keep their coolies under better control he would recommend them for banishment.

## MARINE MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Tuesday, 20th December.

BEFORE MR. B. R. H. TAYLOR (ASSISTANT HARBOUR MASTER.)

## A COLLISION ENQUIRY.

An enquiry was held into the circumstances connected with a collision between the launches *Hapag* (Hamburg-America Line launch) and *E Wo* (owned by Mr. Chan Tsun Kwai), in the waters of the Colony on the 11th inst. Mr. P. W. Goldring watched the case on behalf of the *E Wo*, and Mr. Russell on behalf of the *Hapag*.

The master of the *Hapag* said he was about to proceed to Queen's Statue Wharf. He had been anchored off Yaumati wharf. After getting his anchor awigh he saw two Chinese junks anchored on his starboard bow; as the *E Wo* was behind these he could not see her. He was steaming at a very slow rate of speed. "When abreast the junks one of the crew shouted out that there was a junk on his starboard bow." He then saw the *E Wo*, about eighty yards off, and went full speed astern, blowing three blasts in his whistle.

He gave a long blast. She ported her helm at first, altering her course about a point, and then resumed her original course, striking the *Hapag* abreast the boiler on the starboard side. The *Hapag* had sternway on her.

The master of the *E Wo* said he blew a short blast meaning that he was porting his helm, and the *Hapag* blew a short blast in reply. When the launches were about fifty feet apart the *Hapag* blew two blasts and starboarded across his bows. She was going full speed ahead. When he saw this he went full speed astern, but too late to avoid collision.

After going very fully into the matter, Mr. Taylor said he found the story of the *E Wo* entirely improbable; that of the *Hapag* was not altogether satisfactory. He considered that there was negligent navigation on the part of Cheung Kam, master of the *E Wo*, and suspended his certificate for a month.

## JAPAN AS CHINA'S PROTECTOR.

A pro-Russian paper in the North publishes the following:—"These islands are indeed a wonderful people, and understand thoroughly how to work themselves in. They make friends with the Chinese and remind them of their kinsmen. Promises are made without much hesitation, to the effect that they will restore China in Manchuria and Liaoning, when Russia has been driven back; the exact terms to be settled later on."

China, proud of such glorious victories, and generous relatives, feels bound to reciprocate. She engages them to teach her army and buys arms of all descriptions to be paid for by instalments. Japan tells her: "We can do all for you; do not let the alien build your railway, cancel, as far as possible, your railway contracts, they are dangerous; we will supply you with all necessary materials, and you need not pay at once; simply leave the control to us, and we will pay ourselves back out of the large revenue which we will create; and, when all that you owe is paid, we will hand the whole thing over to you in splendid condition. What we do in one sphere we will do in all; and you shall no longer be in the hands of the greedy alien; but under the care of your kinsmen. We understand that your treasury is empty, because you have to pay the heavy indemnity to the foreigners; but we want to assist you and help you to get rid of them. We will build all your steamers on the same terms; and, in order to see that all works well, we will take charge of your fiscal system. So don't listen to any foreign proposals, they only want power and profit." There are, however, many instances in life where relatives have shown themselves more dangerous than strangers. China ought to understand that, if she does not take care, she will be entirely under a so-called "Japanese protectorate," like Korea; and a far stronger rule than that of the present Ching Dynasty. It is to be hoped, however, that some of the more intelligent Viceroy and other high officials are beginning to see through the dangerous but alluring advice in the counsels of Sir Robert Hart, and those nations, like Great Britain and America, that have shown their ability and willingness to act in the best future interests of a united and strong China.

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## THE WEIHAIWEI GOLD MINING CO., LD.

The crisis in the affairs of the Weihaiwei Gold Mining Company is tided over as the result of an informal meeting of shareholders held Dec. 15th. It was a largely attended meeting and on the whole a cheerful one. The general feeling, as indicated by the applause following a remark, was that the International Banking Corporation had been rather hasty in driving the company into an awkward corner, but the situation was one to be saved, and the only question was how it should be done. The directors came in for some criticism. At the very outset of the meeting a shareholder expressed the opinion that the circular convening the meeting might have been worded in less alarming terms, and thus the sending of the share quotations down practically to zero avoided. Another point raised was that the Board had not taken the opportunity a few weeks since, when the shares were at a premium, to issue the balance of ordinary shares. To this the chairman (Mr. Marcus Wolf) could only reply that an error of judgment had been committed.

The Chairman in an introductory statement explained how the crisis had arisen, through the Bank refusing to allow the overdraft to be increased beyond the present amount of \$38,737.68, or to continue it unless satisfactory security, personal or otherwise, were deposited against it. They had, however, agreed to accept as part payment the \$10 call on the 3,777 preference shares recently called up, releasing their lien on the property. But in the meantime the company was without money to meet immediate liabilities, and unless the meeting adopted some extraordinary measures, it was impossible to carry on.

Mr. J. R. Duff, the expert adviser of the company, had written a letter based on his examination after the first crashings, and this was read. It explained that many circumstances made it impossible to judge the probable outcome of gold by the results of the first crashing, and expressed the confident opinion that the mine would be paying expenses and showing a profit within three months. His lowest estimate of the average output to be expected after that time was 5 dwts. per ton, and expenses should be covered by 2 dwts. leaving a profit of 3 dwts. Taking 80 tons a day with only 20 stamps and 300 days in the year this represented a possible profit of \$72,000 gold.

Mr. F. E. Taylor, as a shareholder with considerable interests, who had looked into the situation carefully, made a decidedly optimistic speech.

There was an animated discussion as to how the money required should be obtained, many shareholders wishing to have a uniform call made in order to give all an equal benefit and interest. This, however, the Chairman explained, was impossible as time was too limited. Delinquents redeemable six months at twelve per cent. per annum were subscribed in the room with great eagerness, and the amount required to save the situation was rapidly more than subscribed.—N.C. Daily News.

## ADMIRAL ALEXEIEFF'S RELATIONS WITH KUROPATKIN.

The *Petit Parisien* publishes an interview which its correspondent at St. Petersburg has had with Admiral Alexeieff.

The Viceroy declared that all the reports of serious dissensions between himself and General Kuropatkin were lies and calumnies. General Kuropatkin, he said, was almost completely independent, and was in no way under his direct orders. He had never interfered with the General's plans, and there had never been any unfriendliness between them. Even if divergencies of opinion had arisen, they had been very far from a constant antagonism. In regard to the order of the day in which General Kuropatkin announced his intention of taking the offensive, Admiral Alexeieff said this order was drawn up by the General. He himself had scarcely approved of it.

He repudiated the notion that he had wished for the present war, and declared that it had been prepared by Japan. He himself had done all he could to avoid it. As for the reports which represented him as having advised a forward movement at any cost in order to save Port Arthur, they were all incorrect. He had carefully refrained from giving General Kuropatkin any advice at all on matters of strategy or tactics. There was no truth, moreover, in the reports of disagreement between himself and Admiral Skrydloff.

Admiral Alexeieff expressed admiration of the Japanese as sailors. He did not think that China was disposed to abandon her neutrality. She was, moreover, closely watched. If, however, the Japanese were eventually victorious, he thought they would succeed in smirking and organising a sufficiently large part of China to make Europe say good-bye to her influence in the Far East. The present war, he declared, was the beginning of a war of races and of religion.

He thought that the results obtained by the Russians proved that the campaign had been well conducted by them. At the beginning of hostilities they were totally unprepared. They had neither men nor guns, and Port Arthur was not completely fortified. Nor had they a sufficiency of supplies, arms and ammunition, or provisions. Up to April the Japanese had the advantage; they might have taken Port Arthur and beaten the weak Russian forces on the Yalu. The Russian resistance paralysed them. In April the Russians had 10,000 men in the field, now they had 40,000, thanks to the efforts of Prince Khilkoff, the Minister of Ways and Communications.

Admiral Alexeieff admitted that before the outbreak of hostilities he had ceased to believe in the possibility of peace being maintained, and he had wished to recall the *Varyag* and the *Korietz*. He had given orders to the squadron at Port Arthur to be on its guard, and, if the Japanese surprised it, they only did so by using the Russian signals. The order given to the squadron to sail out from Port Arthur on August 10th did not emanate from him, but was the result of an understanding between General Stoessel and Admiral Wittehoff. He hoped that Port Arthur would be able to hold out until the arrival of the Baltic Fleet, but he did not wish to make any further statement on the subject.

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[RESOLUTION.]

"That the Capital of the Company, be increased to \$140,000 by the creation of 900 New Shares of \$100 each."

Hongkong, 15th December, 1904. [2917]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th to 26th inst., both days inclusive.

**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON**, General Managers. Hongkong, 14th December, 1904. [2906]

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**JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON**, General Managers. Hongkong, 1st November, 1904. [2573]

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1904. [2751]

## JAPANESE CREDIT.

The following notes are extracted from the  
City Article in the *Times* of November 17th.  
The great success of the second issue of the  
Japanese Six per Cent. loan, which has been  
subscribed nearly fourteen times over, is, no  
doubt, due partly to its "cheapness." Cheap  
it certainly is, that is to say, owing to the war  
the subscribers who get allotments will have  
had the opportunity of obtaining a Japanese  
Government security at a price materially below  
what they would have to pay in time of peace.  
War is the wisest and most courageous investor's chance.  
In our own case capitalists everywhere had  
during the Boer war and for some time after-  
wards opportunities, of which they availed  
themselves freely, of securing "short" British  
Government securities at prices which yielded  
the buyer 4 to 5 per cent. during their  
currency. It need hardly be said that this does  
not represent the credit of the British Govern-  
ment over a long period and in normal times.  
Japan is now paying 3 1/2 to 4 per cent. more  
for the temporary accommodation she needs  
during the war than she would, probably, have  
to pay for a loan in time of peace. Most people  
have hitherto underrated the financial resources  
of Japan as much as they underrated her mili-  
tary power, and even the magnitude of her  
population, which is larger than our own. The  
mistake was natural, every "new" country  
and Japan is now a country which has adopted  
some Western ideas has to "make its proofs"  
when it appears before the world as a Power in  
the diplomatic sense. The naval and military  
proofs have been already given, to this extent,  
that, no matter what the final result of the war  
may be, no Government will ever again venture  
to treat Japan as the Russian Government  
treated her before February this year. Japan's  
position in the world has been changed in much  
the same way as that of Prussia was changed  
in the eyes of Austria and every other  
country in 1741 by the battle of Mollwitz.  
We venture to think that a more intimate  
acquaintance with the conceptions of Japan  
will materially modify the conceptions of  
its economic position which have hitherto pre-  
vailed. Japan has, so far, stood the strain  
resulting from the war far better than even those  
who believed that her unused resources were  
very large expected. As in all countries in-  
habited by an industrious and enterprising  
people, the state of business in Japan has varied  
a good deal from time to time. Five years ago  
Japan was troubled by an economic crisis. That  
crisis has long ago passed away, but it is worth  
while to glance at the figures of the Bank of  
Japan on December 30, 1899, and compare them  
with those of September 17, 1904; the contrast,  
bearing in mind that the latter figures are those  
of a state of war, is curious and impressive.

Sept. 17, 1900. Dec. 30, 1899  
Yen. Yen.  
General deposits 17,000,000 5,000,000  
Government deposits 26,000,000 71,000,000  
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The reduction of Government deposits and in-  
crease in loans to the Government are, of course,  
due to the war. The other figures, as a whole,  
show a thoroughly healthy situation, liabilities,  
other than those due to the war, being within a  
moderate compass, while resources are increased.

## RUSSIAN ARMY TRANSPORT.

The *Odeski Listok* publishes the following  
with regard to the transport of the 8th Army  
Corps from the Odesa military district to  
Manchuria—the transport began on October  
1 with the 12th Battalion of Sappers. The  
average time allowed for the journey to Kharbin,  
including days of rest and journey on the way,  
is about 37 days. Thus the 56th Regiment of  
Infantry, which left Tiraspol on October 10, is  
expected to arrive at Kharbin on November 16.  
The distance between these two places is 8,400  
versts, or about 5,600 miles, so that the average  
rate of progress reckoned on is about 63 miles  
an hour. This is including stoppages of various  
kinds, and how many days is allowed for them  
is not stated, but it is evident that even if as  
much as 18 days of the 37 are allowed for  
stoppages the speed of the trains cannot exceed  
124 miles an hour. It is calculated that the  
14th Division of Infantry will have all arrived  
at the theatre of war between November 13 and  
16, the 15th Division between November 17 and  
20, and the artillery and train belonging to the  
8th Army Corps by the end of November at the  
latest. The Russian baggage train is much  
more considerable than that of other European  
armies, and 28 railway trains are allowed for  
the baggage train of a division of infantry—  
namely, four for that of the staff and auxiliary  
service and six for that of each regiment. The  
number of military railway trains despatched  
daily is seven, but on the portion of the railway  
round Lake Baikal only five of these can pass;  
the other two have to be taken across Lake  
Baikal. This can easily be done when the  
water is free from ice, or when the ice is not  
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## TRADE MARKS IN CHINA.

MANCHESTER OPINIONS  
The Trade and Merchandise Marks Com-  
mittee of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce  
reported that they had passed the following  
resolution: "This committee, having carefully  
considered the translation of the Chinese  
Provisional Regulations appertaining to the  
registration of trade marks in China, sent by  
the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce to the  
Manchester Chamber, cannot but express its  
opinion that many of these regulations will  
prove detrimental to the users of trade marks  
in China. That in view of the fact that these  
regulations are to be subject to revision when a  
code governing trade marks has been compiled,  
at some future date, this committee would  
impress upon the board of directors 'the ad-  
visability of having the fundamental principles,  
at least, of such code clearly set forth at the  
outset, or much time will be wasted, and friction  
and litigation engendered, by the Chinese  
Government proceeding to registration under  
these provisional regulations in their present  
form. That, in view of the great preponderance  
of trade marks used for the textile classes, over  
those of all other trades, it is important that  
traders should have before them the scheme  
of classification of trade marks proposed to  
be adopted by the Chinese Government.  
It is not less important that it should be  
clearly stated that the Administration will first  
call in, and deal with, all marks which have  
hitherto been used in all trades in China, and  
that the length of time such marks have been  
used in that country shall be stated and con-  
sidered; and only until such marks have been  
dealt with by the Chinese Administration  
should applications for new marks be proceeded  
with. In the provisional regulations now issued  
precedence is properly proposed to be given,  
under treaty agreements, to marks which have  
been the subject of registration in non-Chinese  
countries. While this is a most useful pro-  
vision, the attention of the board is called to the  
fact that there is in the B list of the cotton  
classes in the British Register of Trade Marks  
a large and most valuable class of old marks in  
use prior to the passing of the British Patents  
and Trade Marks Act of the 13th August,  
1875, which marks have secured a quasi-  
registration in the British list, and this com-  
mittee desires that a corresponding treatment  
of such marks should be recommended to the  
consideration of the Chinese Administration.  
Apparently the Board of Commerce will be the  
controlling authority for the administration,  
under the code and regulations, but as it is  
provided that the Custom Houses at Shanghai  
and Tientsin will be central branch offices of  
registry, this committee infers that, as most of  
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† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.  
‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other  
Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND  
AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to—  
**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,**  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1904.

# IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.  
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT  
SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN/HAMBURG,  
PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS; ALSO  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON,  
AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS  
AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES  
IN RUSSIA

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

STEAMERS	SAILING DATES
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 21st December
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY 21st December
ROON	WEDNESDAY 21st December
BAVERN	WEDNESDAY 21st December
ZIETEN	WEDNESDAY 21st December
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY 21st December
PRINCESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY 21st December
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY 21st December
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY 21st December
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY 21st December

ON WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of DECEMBER, 1904, at NOON, the Steamship  
"PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH," Captain E. Prehn, with MALES, PASSENGERS,  
SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA.

Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 19th December. Cargo and  
Specie will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 20th December, and Parcels will  
be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 20th December.

Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50,  
and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses.  
Linen can be washed on board.

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to  
**MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.**

Hongkong, 8th December, 1904.

# PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG TO INLAND  
SEA OF JAPAN, MONT, KOREA and YOKOHAMA FOR  
OPERATING IN  
CONNECTION WITH THE  
OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	TONS.	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
"NICOMEDIA"	4,370	Wagner	January 9th, 1905.
"NUMANTIA"	4,370	Brahmer	January 25th, 1905.
"ARABIA"	4,483	Bahle	February 20th, 1905.
"ARAGONIA"	5,198	Schmidt	March 12th, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Ports and all Eastern, Canadian and  
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate  
with or apply to

**ALLAN CAMERON, GENERAL AGENT.**

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.

# INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION)

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
† SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Fri., 23rd Dec., D'light.
† MANILA DIRECT	"YUENSANG"	Fri., 23rd Dec., 4 P.M.
† SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Tues., 3rd Jan., 3 P.M.

\* These steamers have superior accommodation for First-Class Passengers and are fitted  
throughout with Electric Light.

† Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Chefoo, Tientsin and Yangtze Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,**  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 20th December, 1904.

# SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT, OR VIA CHEFOO OR CHIN-WAN-TAO, TO DURBAN, NATAL

The following chartered steamers will run at intervals of about 3 weeks:—

S.S. "LOTHIAN"	Captain J. C. Williamson.
S.S. "SOFALA"	Captain G. A. Shepherd.
S.S. "INDRASHAMA"	Captain R. P. Craven.
S.S. "INDRASHAMA"	Captain S. Cullington.
S.S. "COURTFIELD"	Captain J. W. Martin.
S.S. "SWANLEY"	Captain J. F. Dawson.
S.S. "CRANLEY"	Captain W. E. Steele.
S.S. "IKBAL"	Captain M. Robertson.
S.S. "ASCOT"	Captain C. E. Cox.
S.S. "INKUM"	Captain E. S. Pearce.
S.S. "SIKH"	Captain J. Rowley.
S.S. "SEALDA"	Captain Geo. Brown.

For Freight, apply to

**GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,**  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 19th November, 1904.

# JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN

JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMER	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TJIPANAS	JAPAN	First half of January	JAVA PORTS	Second half of January
TJILATJAP	JAVA	First half of January	JAPAN via SHANGHAI	First half of January
TJIMAH	JAPAN	Second half of December	JAVA PORTS	Second half of December

The Steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light and have accommodation for a  
limited number of Saloon Passengers, and will take Cargo to all Netherlands-Indian ports on  
through Bills of Lading.

For Particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

HEAD AGENCY OF THE

**JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.**

Alexandra Buildings, 3rd Floor.  
Hongkong, 12th December, 1904.

Telephone No. 375.

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO  
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"ROON"

Captain G. Meiners, due here with the out-  
ward German Mail about THURSDAY, A.M.,  
will leave for the above places about 12/24 hours  
after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1904.

## REGULAR

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW

YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1904.

"SHIMOSA" ... 29th Dec.

"GHAEZE" ... 29th Dec.

"SATSUMA" ... 29th Dec.

† via Malacca Coast.

For Freight and further information, apply to

**DODWELL & CO., LD.,**

Agents.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1904.

## THE PENINSULA AND ORIENTAL

STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUS-

TRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT,

MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR

BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL

AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship

"BENGAL"

Captain G. Phillips, carrying His

Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this

Port on SATURDAY, the 31st December,

at NOON, taking passengers and cargo for the

above ports in connection with the Company's

passenger accommodation in which vessel is

secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and

Tea for London (under arrangement), will be

transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer

proceeding direct to Marseilles and London;

other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed

from Bombay by the R.M.S. "Oriental," due

in London on the 12th February, 1905.

Parcels will be received at this Office until

4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents

and value of all packages are required.

For further particulars, apply to

**E. A. HEWETT,**

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1904.

## FOR CANTON.

THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer

"SAN CHEUNG,"

351 Tons, Captain J. McIntyre, will leave for

Canton at 9 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUES-

DAYS and THURSDAYS, and return to

Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton

at 5 P.M. Excellent accommodation, electric

light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong

near Harbour Office.

First-class Fare, \$3 each way. Second-

class, \$1.50 each way. Meals, \$1 each.

Cargo Freight very moderate.

CHEUNG ON STEAMBOAT CO., LD

No. 147, Connaught Road Central.

Hongkong, 15th March, 1904.

## NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.

THE NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

are prepared, during suspension of their

Trans-Pacific Service and until further notice

to book cargo and issue Bills of Lading to

SEATTLE, WASH., VICTORIA, B.C., and

PACIFIC COAST PORTS, also to OVER-

LAND POINTS in the UNITED STATES

and CANADA in connection with the GREAT

NORTHERN RAILWAY from SEATTLE

as hitherto, by the steamers of the NIPPON

PACIFIC S.S. CO., BOSTON STEAMSHIP

and TOWBOAT CO.'S OCEAN S.S. CO.,

and CHINA MUTUAL S.S. CO.

For Further Particulars, apply at the

Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's

Building, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA,

Manager.

Hongkong, 20th May, 1904.

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS

NEITHER THE CAPTAIN, THE AGENTS NOR

THE OWNERS will be RESPONSIBLE

for any DEBT contracted by the Officers or

the Crew of the following Vessels during the

stay in Hongkong Harbour.

ACMS, American 4-m. ship, McLehlan—Stan-

dard Old Co.

# NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"MALTA."

FROM BOMBAY, C. LOMBO AND

STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out, Mark by Mark,  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:—

From London, &c., ex s.s. *Himalaya* and

*Marmora*.

From Australia, ex s.s. *Macdonia*.

From Calcutta, ex s.s. *Sardonia*.

From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and

B. & P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary before

1 P.M. To-day, the 17th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.,

will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-

downs for examination by the Consignees and

the Company's representatives at an appointed

hour. All Claims must be presented within

ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after

which date they cannot be recognised. No

Claims will be admitted after the Goods have

left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SILVERLIP"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND

STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES OF Cargo are hereby in-

formed that all Goods are being landed

at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong

and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,

Limited, whence and/or from the wharves

delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all Goods



